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**AMENDMENT B UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire February 17, 2004. It is believed that no fee is required by this amendment; however, in the event any fee may become required to further the prosecution of this case, please charge such fee to **Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P. Deposit Account Number 50-0259**.

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire February 17, 2004.

Claims 1-34 are pending.

The specification has been amended on pages 21, 23, and 26.

Claims 1, 26, and 28 have been amended.

Figure 5 has been amended.